

ST. VINCENT'S *Catholic Church*

100th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Theaver
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Fort Wayne, Indiana
September 1946

DEDICATION

To the pioneer Priests and Laity of St.
Vincent's Parish who by their toil and their
sacrifices made the present blessings possible,
we lovingly dedicate this souvenir.

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ST. VINCENT de PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

OLD AUBURN AND WALLEN ROAD

ACADEMIE FORT WAYNE

INDIANA

FATHER EDWARD A. MILLER, *Pastor*

The Feast of Our Lady's Nativity

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ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC CHURCH, ACADEMIE

FOREWORD

IT is with a sense of well-ordered pride that the pastor and people of the century-old parish of St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, Indiana have prepared and herewith present this historical souvenir on the occasion of their Centenary Observance. Almost needless to say, this volume represents a tremendous amount of labor and sacrifice; and because every effort involved, was cheerfully made; every hour, lovingly given, it is only fitting and proper that there be a special expression of gratitude and acknowledgment to all concerned. Because, as we confidently trust, this record will in the course of the years be regarded by many of you as a prized possession, we are equally confident that you will be prayerfully mindful of us who have labored so untiringly and so unstintingly, to make this work a reality.

In its typographical makeup, it represents a bit of a departure from the form which ordinarily characterizes a parish history. This is especially true in the sense that we have found it necessary to somewhat commercialize the project, in consequence of which the artistic element has been considerably sacrificed. And yet, except for this approach it would have been completely impossible for us to even so much as entertain any thought of such a venture.

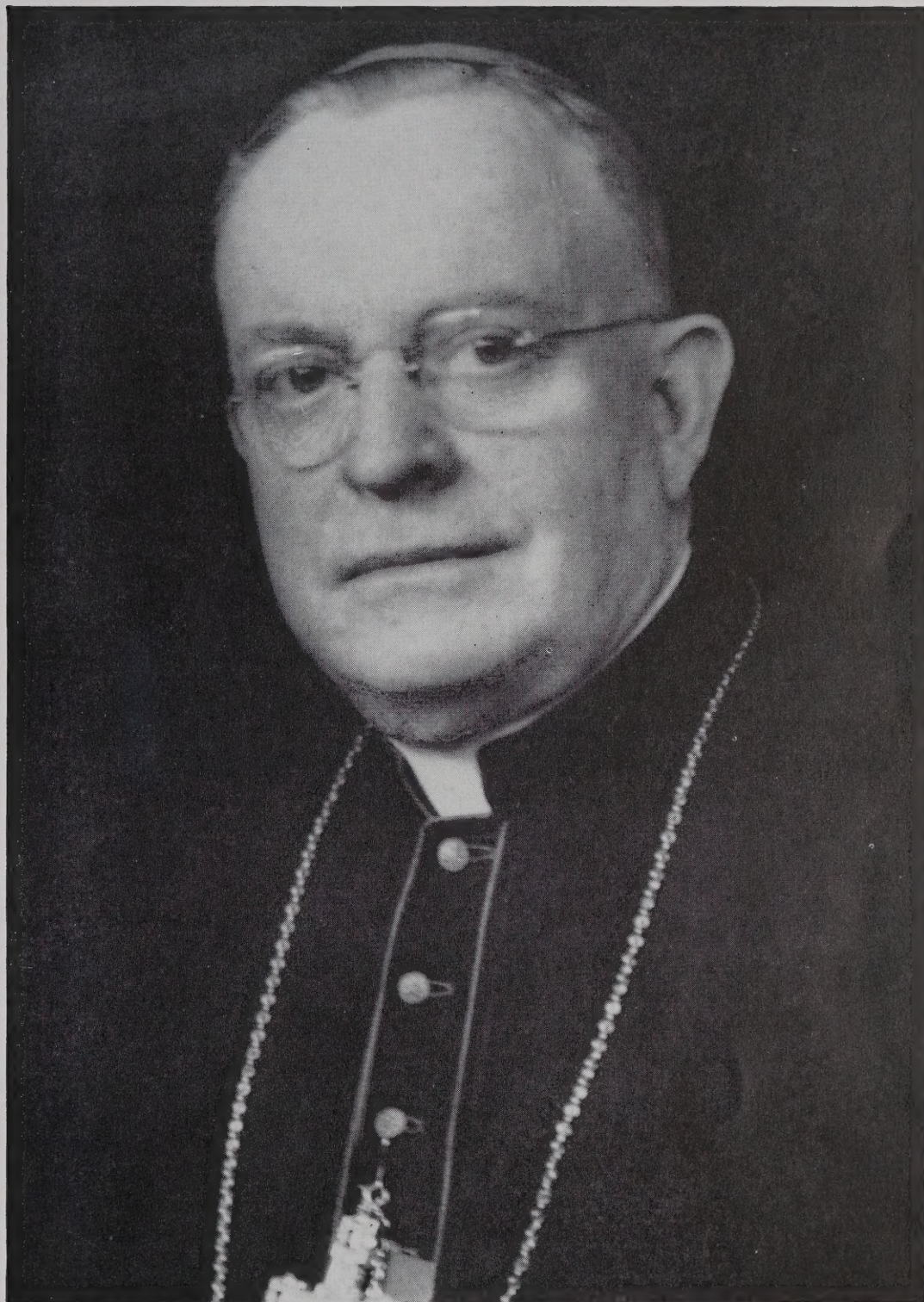
We are therefore most grateful to our Advertisers for their generous support, and we most prayerfully urge our readers to assist us in reciprocating their good will in terms of a loyal and continued patronage. We are grateful too, to our Patrons who have contributed so very much to the success of this undertaking. Last, but by no means least, our everlasting gratitude goes out to His Excellency Most Rev. John F. Noll, our Beloved Bishop, and to our many friends among the Clergy, for their interest, their help and their encouragement.

Unquestionably, we have been guilty of some omissions and mistakes in the preparation of this volume. Such of course is inevitable, particularly in regard to individuals whose acquaintance we have never had the pleasure of making; and with reference to times and situations of which we would know nothing at all were it not for the meager sources which record them. Nevertheless, we are sincerely proud of this effort because it does to an extent at least call to mind some of the glorious incidents of the past, and seeks to record the present with thoroughness and exactitude, and we are most hopeful therefore that we have thus rendered a distinct service.

Father Edward A. Miller, Editor.



OUR HOLY FATHER POPE PIUS XII



OUR BELOVED BISHOP
HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN FRANCIS NOLL, D. D.

Dear Members of St. Vincent's Parish:

I have watched, with more than ordinary interest, the progress of St. Vincent's during the pastorate of the Reverend Edward A. Miller, who should be honored, as the parish itself is being honored, on its Centenary Jubilee.

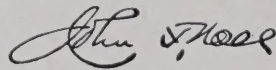
A year ago I urged pastors to make Catholic Actionists of the members of their church sodalities, not only because that is in keeping with the mind of the Church, but because they then feel more vividly the significance of their membership in the sodality.

I was fearful, however, that my idea would not be so easily workable in rural parishes. However, Father Miller has shown that no obstacles are too big to overcome where there is a willingness on the part of the laity to cooperate. St. Vincent's Parish has been divided along the lines of political precincts, and the captain in each area, even under difficulties, keeps a close contact with all those under his jurisdiction as an agent of the pastor and as a representative of the sodality.

When I recommended strongly the introduction of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, I also had fears that it might not work so well in country parishes, but it has worked in St. Vincent's to the spiritual benefit of both the St. Vincent de Paul workers and of those who are the object of their apostolate of charity.

It is for the purpose of expressing my great satisfaction at the achievements of Father Miller that I arranged to participate in the parish celebration in an intimate way. At my Pontifical Mass I shall pray God's further generous blessing on both pastor and people.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John A. Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent and the last name "Moore" following in a similar style.

Bishop of Fort Wayne



FATHER EDWARD A. MILLER
Centenary Pastor 1940—

Dear Parishioners:

In compiling this book Father Miller very modestly mentions the work which he has done in and for the parish.

We, the parishioners of St. Vincent's, would like to add a few words to emphasize the progress made under Father Miller's regime.

In the space of a few years our pastor has accomplished far more than can be measured in words both in a spiritual and material way. From the material viewpoint our parish is out of debt, our property has been beautified, we have a new cemetery, the pride of our congregation. From the spiritual viewpoint, even though we have no parochial school, our parish, we believe, can match any other.

We feel that St. Vincent's Parish has been particularly blessed in having Father Miller, and we earnestly hope and pray it will be our good fortune to keep him with us for many years.

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For the parish.

CENTENARY PROGRAM

I. WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1st to 7th, 1946.

Centenary Mission, Father S. Oberhauser, C. P. P. S.

II. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1946. 10:30 A. M.

PONTIFICAL FIELD MASS (weather permitting)

Officiating Prelate

Most Rev. John F. Noll, D. D.

Bishop of Fort Wayne

S E R M O N

Dean Rt. Rev. L. D. Monahan

Pastor St. Patrick's Church, Fort Wayne

M U S I C

St. Vincent Parish Choir with augmented voices

C. C. H. S. Glee Club

Mr. Joseph Orth, Guest Director

Musical Background — C. C. H. S. Band

Richard Guthier, Director

III. SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 8th, 7:30 P. M.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Parish Program and Reception

IV. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 7:30 A. M.

Requiem High Mass for Deceased Members and Benefactors.

HISTORY OF SAINT VINCENT'S PARISH

INTRODUCTION

TO relate the story of St. Vincent's Parish on this the glorious occasion of our Centenary Observance, is to tell a story of interest, not only to the members of the Congregation but to everyone who glories in the growth and the spread of Catholicity in this entire area. It is a story which takes one back almost to the very twilight of Catholic culture and organized Catholic life in this section known as the Upper Maumee Valley. Thus it necessarily also calls to mind the names of many of the saintly and heroic men who blazed the trails thru mud and wilderness to plant the Cross and to disperse the seeds of Faith in a new land: Names such as Baden, Benoit, Bessonies, Deschamps, Bottie and Greven. In a word, it is a story which tells of the early history of the Catholic Church in Allen County.

According to the brief historical sketches which happen to be available there were some evidences of Catholicity in this area as early as 1665. At that time a zealous pioneer priest in the person of Father Allouez came to labor among the Pottawotomies and the Miami Indians. Others too appeared on the scene periodically to administer to the needs of the Red Man and to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; among them quite possibly, famous Missionaries such as Marquette, LaSalle and Hennepin.

It was about the year 1830 however that there is evidence of missionary effort in the interests of the early white settlers. At that time Father S. Theadore Baden, Vicar General of the Diocese of Bardstown, and incidentally, the first priest to be ordained in the United States, visited Fort Miami (later Fort Wayne) and there offered Holy Mass and administered the Sacraments to the few scattered Catholics who then inhabited the area. The first Baptism of which there is any record, was administered by him on the occasion of this visit. Then came others in the persons of Father Picoh, Lalumiere, Ruff, Jeancoir and finally in 1836, Father Louis Mueller, the first resident pastor to be assigned to this territory.

In 1837, Father Mueller built St. Augustine's Church on the site of the present Cathedral Square, the first home of Catholic worship in the city of Fort Wayne. In 1840 Father Mueller was succeeded by Father Benoit around whom centers so much of the early history of the Catholic Church in this now flourishing portion of God's Vineyard.

While Fathers Benoit and Mueller frequently visited the early pioneers in the outlying sections such as Hesse Cassel as early as 1836 and Leo in 1838, there is every indication that the first church to be constructed in this entire region outside the city of Fort Wayne was the tiny Log Chapel built here at St. Vincent's in 1846. According to a pious tradition existing among the older members of the parish, this little Chapel stood on the East side of the Old Auburn Road in the center of what is now the entrance to the Sacred Heart Seminary. Actually, this seems to be clearly substantiated by a legal document which records the deeding of approximately one half acre of property to the parish, said parcel of land being described as follows:

"Starting from a point on the East side of the Fort Wayne and Auburn Road opposite the Southeast corner of the lot of the Church Chapel thence East to Bequeth Run, thence following the Run until it strikes said Fort Wayne and Auburn Road at a small bridge, thence South to the place of beginning, these premises comprising about one half acre of land". The Deed in question, a copy of which is in the possession of the parish is of real historical interest in so far as it records the granting of above-described parcel by one Francis Courant and others to Bishop Maurice de St. Palais, Bishop of Vincennes; and while the indenture was made as late as March 17, 1852, it establishes beyond a doubt that the first St. Vincent Church, which records otherwise indicate was constructed in the year 1846, stood on the property situated on the East side of the Old Auburn Road.

There is much importance to be attached to this deduction because it serves to indicate conclusively that there was another Log Chapel erected a few years later, not on the aforementioned site but on the West side of the Auburn Road in the vicinity of the present Cemetery Cross. Concerning this second chapel, some of the "Old Timers" have clear recollections at least from the standpoint of their having inherited some traditions with regard to it.

Altho there is no specific record as to who built either one of these Chapels, it is quite apparent that both had successively soon outlived their usefulness. The Parish was growing so rapidly that by the year 1861, the building of a rather substantial frame church was undertaken. It was this third church which then served the needs of the congregation until 1904 when the present building was erected.

ACTUAL BEGINNINGS

IN the year 1840, a number of French families immigrated from the Eastern part of France and settled approximately six miles North of the city of Fort Wayne. They called their community New France or North Gall. In 1843 Father Julian Benoit working from his headquarters at the Cathedral, began administering to these people in the capacity of a Visiting Pastor. For a period of three years he periodically offered the Holy Mass in the homes of the people of the community, notably in the home of one Isidore Pichon.

Mr. Pichon is also reverently remembered as the donor of the land which constitutes the present parish property marking the site of the present buildings and most of the area comprising the old cemetery. The headstone indicating Mr. Isidore Pichon's grave, is the oldest stone in the above mentioned cemetery, establishing the date of his death and burial as the year 1846. Altho the records are not available it is entirely possible that Mr. Pichon was among the very first to be interred in this hallowed spot, and quite likely too that Father Benoit officiated at his obsequies.



MR. ISIDORE PICHON'S GRAVE



FATHER JULIEN BENOIT
1843 - 1854

Since Father Julien Benoit is piously remembered as the Founder of St. Vincent Parish, it is only fitting and proper that we here honor his memory with a brief sketch of his truly apostolic life.

He was born in France in 1808. Very early in life he evidenced signs of a vocation and he began his studies as soon as circumstances would permit. When his preparations had been completed he was still too young to be ordained, and for a time then served in the capacity of a private tutor. In 1836 he came to America for the Diocese of Vincennes and on arriving at Baltimore remained for a while at St. Mary's Seminary and was ordained there in 1837. The first three years of his Priesthood were mainly spent in Southern Indiana, and then in the year 1840 he came to Fort Wayne. Here his labors among the early settlers and the Indians merited for him a reverence and esteem which rendered his work doubly fruitful and efficacious. Not only was he constantly solicitous about the care of those near at home but equally solicitous for the people of his scattered missions. Many a time he rode on horseback as far as Columbia City and Warsaw, to South Bend, to La Gro, Wabash and Decatur, to the French Settlements, far into Noble County and South even as far as Muncie. In 1857 when the Fort Wayne Diocese was established, Bishop Luers appointed him his Vicar General. After the death of Bishop Luers he was the Administrator of the Diocese. Bishop Dwenger again appointed him Vicar General and in 1883 was named a Domestic Prelate by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. His death occurred on Dec. 26, 1886, thirty-two years after he left the parish which today so very gratefully remembers him as the Illustrious Priest who laid its foundation stones, and who for eleven years served its spiritual needs as its first Visiting Pastor.



FATHER A. BESSONIES

1854 - 1856

Father Bessonies was born in Alzac Province of Querry France, June 17, 1815. He was ordained a priest by Bishop de la Hailandiere at Vincennes, Indiana, in 1840. In 1854 he came to Fort Wayne and for two years was assigned to the Cathedral in the absence of Father Benoit. During this time, he was the visiting pastor here at St. Vincent's, and it was undoubtedly under his supervision or at least at his instigation that the original cottage or priest house was constructed. In 1855 Father Bessonies also interested himself in the Catholic families scattered around the town of Leo. He visited them and said Mass for them at least once a month, and soon succeeded in encouraging them to build a church. Altho he had no part in its erection, he had acquired the property marking its future site prior to his transfer from this community.

FATHER FRANCIS DESCHAMPS

1856 - 1858

It was Father Deschamps who came to St. Vincent's as the first resident pastor. Shortly after he had established himself here, he visited what was then known as Girardot Settlement (later on Ege) and is reputedly the first priest to have called on the nine families comprising that particular community. While pastor here, Father Deschamps also attended Leo as a Mission. He died after two active and fruitful years and was buried here in the Parish Cemetery. The new frame church which was built in 1861 stood directly over his grave, said grave being situated immediately in front of the sanctuary. According to an entry made in the burial records of the parish, a beautiful marble slab was laid in the floor of the church in 1892 marking the exact location of the grave. This slab contained the following inscription: "Here lies the Reverend Francis Deschamps a Priest and Pastor of St. Vincent's Church, who fifty years after birth, being conspicuous for his singular zeal and full of merit, died on the 19th day of August in the year of our Lord 1858, and lies buried in the sanctuary of this temple".

It is indeed regrettable that in the process of moving the above mentioned church and the building of the present structure, this marble slab disappeared, and as a consequence the exact location of Father Deschamps grave is no longer known to anyone. His memory is perpetuated however in the form of an inscription which was placed on the base of the stone altar supporting the large Crucifix which stands North of the present church and in the center of what is now the old cemetery.



THE FATHER DESCHAMPS MEMORIAL

FATHER ALEXIUS BOTTI

1858 - 1860

The second resident pastor was Father Botti. During the two years of his stay here, he also did considerable missionary work in the interests of twenty-three Catholic families who had settled in the town of New Haven. He was the first Priest to visit these people and during the year 1858 called on them regularly once a month for Divine Services, and also supervised the erection of their first Church. In 1860 he was transferred to Valparaiso with Hobart as a Mission. He died in 1872 and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

FATHER GREVIN

1860 - 1861

The pastorate of Father Grevin here at St. Vincent's was very brief. Nothing much is known about him except that he actually resided here and that during this time he regularly attended New Haven as a Mission. Sometime later he was assigned to Besancon as the first resident Pastor. Here he built the first Priest House at a cost of only a few hundred dollars.



THE OLD ST. VINCENT CHURCH 1861



FATHER AUGUST ADAM 1861 - 1870



FATHER ADAM'S GRAVE



SACRED HEART ACADEMIE

CERTAINLY one of the most prominent among the pioneer pastors of the parish was the venerable and well-beloved Father Adam. In writing this history, the record would therefore be far from complete were it not to include a special sketch of his truly interesting life.

Father August Adam was born in France in the year 1832. After his ordination to the Priesthood he immigrated to America in the company of the well known Father Sorin of Notre Dame. It is sometimes argued as to whether he brought Father Sorin or Sorin brought Adam but the argument seems to be in favor of Adam because he was seemingly the one who had the means required to make the trip.

Shortly after his appointment as Pastor of St. Vincent's in 1861 he assumed the role of builder. His first venture was the new parish church. The congregation had now grown to eighty families and the little Log Chapel was no longer adequate. This third structure, erected by Father Adam was a frame building for which the lumber and labor was almost entirely donated by the parishioners. As a consequence the entire project was completed at a cost of approximately \$1,500.00. This church was dedicated on the feast of All Saints in 1861.

In 1866 Father Adam founded and erected the Academie of our Lady of the Sacred Heart, one of the pioneer Catholic educational institutions for young ladies in the middle West. This School located just a short distance East of the church property was placed in charge of the Sisters of Holy Cross under whose able direction the institution prospered for many years. This property has since come into the possession of the Crosier Fathers who are most successfully conducting a Diocesan Seminary for students to the Holy Priesthood.

In 1868 Father Adam also supervised the erection of a new parochial residence thus completing the local building program which he had undertaken some years earlier. He then remained as pastor of the parish and chaplain to the Academie until 1870 when he was transferred to Besancon where he also raised funds and erected a new church.

In 1875 he received permission from Bishop Dwenger to return to France. He then served two years as a chaplain in the French Navy after which the Bishop of Tours assigned him to a very desirable parish in Paris. Here he remained until 1905 when he begged his Bishop for permission to return to the United States and spend his remaining days with the Trappist Community at Gethsemanae, Ky. Since he was too aged however to withstand the rigorous demands of the Trappist Rule he returned to Fort Wayne and was readmitted to the Diocese. After serving for a time as Chaplain to the Sisters of St. Joseph at Tipton, Bishop Alerding honored his request and allowed him to return as Chaplain to the Academie of the Sacred Heart. Here he spent the remainder of his days except for two years absence on another and final visit to France. On March 31, 1917 he was called to his reward. His remains lie buried here beneath the Cross of the Old Parish Cemetery.

1870 - 1897

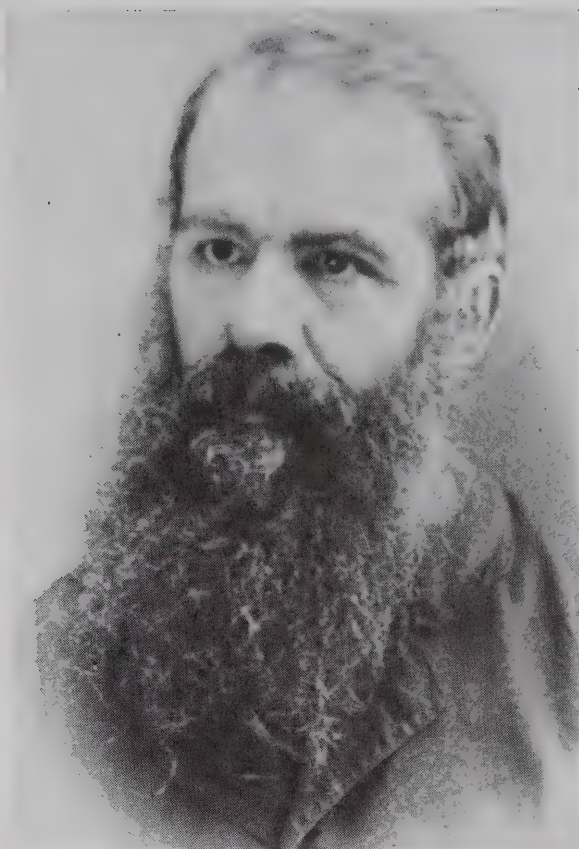
In the year 1870 after Father Adam's departure, the parish was placed in charge of the Holy Cross Fathers of Notre Dame, not in the sense of it becoming one of their Missions, but rather from the standpoint of their being invited to thus serve the Diocese in the capacity of French-speaking priests.

From the time of its inception, St. Vincent parish was comprised chiefly of French immigrants and consequently required the services of a priest who was capable of speaking their language. In 1870 therefore when Bishop Luers found that he had no diocesan priests whom he could send to replace Father Adams, appealed to the Holy Cross Fathers to assist in the solution of the problem. This they did most generously, and thus began an arrangement which was to perdure for nearly thirty years.

The circumstances which found the Holy Cross Sisters in charge of Sacred Heart Academie, undoubtedly helped to make this arrangement a doubly pleasing and satisfactory one for those who were sent to administer to the needs of the parish. In the order of their succession, they were:

Father Julius Frere	1870 - 1873
Father W. Demers	1873
Father Constantine Maujay	1873 - 1875
Father C. Wardy	1875 - 1878
Father Bonnet Roche	1878 - 1888
Father J. Franciscus	1888
Father J. Lauth	1888 - 1890
Father J. M. Toohey	1890 - 1895
Father Jacob Lauth	1895
Father E. Amand	1895 - 1897

FATHER BONNET ROCHE
1878 - 1888



FATHER J. M. TOOHEY
1890 - 1895



FATHER ALBERT LAFONTAINE

1897 - 1901

The first diocesan priest to be assigned to the parish after the many years of incumbancy by the Holy Cross Fathers, was Father Lafontaine. Born in Canada in the city of Montreal, he took his theology course in Genoa, Italy, and was ordained there in 1892. He then returned to Canada where he labored fruitfully for some years. In 1896 he was received into the Diocese of Fort Wayne. After serving as Assistant at the Cathedral for about a year, he was appointed pastor of St. Vincent's. In 1901 Bishop Alerding named him the first Diocesan School Superintendent. He died Nov. 15, 1928.

Among the various record books of the parish which have been preserved back thru the years, there is one which contains a particularly interesting entry. This entry was made by Father Lafontaine in the year 1900 and not only indicates that the parish then consisted of seventy families comprising 295 souls, but also lists the names of all family heads. Incidentally, the name of Henry Bercot is the only one remaining on our membership roster today. Because we regard this list as a real historical document, we herewith proudly transcribe the same.

THE TURN OF THE CENTURY

PARISH MEMBERSHIP ROSTER 1900

F. P. Bobay	Jule Martin
J. B. Bobay	Mrs. Mommer
Mrs. Brye	Neuhaus Family
Mrs. Bowers	S. Oddou
Victor Bobay	Charles Pichon
Frank Bobay	C. Pequignot
August Bobay	August Pequignot
J. A. Bobay	Jules Pepe
Phillip Bobay	Mrs. Poirson
Mrs. Banet	J. Pier
Mary Beckman	L. Pepe
J. Bellot	C. Pequignot
J. Bernardin	Alex Pepe
HENRY BERCOT	
F. Cox	C. P. Roy
T. Carrol	C. J. Roy
Ben Diebold	Florentine Roy
Mrs. Dupont	Elsie Roy
Joe Dalagrange	Mary Runnion
Frank Delagrange	Schuler Family
Jules Delagrange	Frank Serrazin
L. C. Delagrange	August Serrizan
A. Grosjean	Mrs. Sallot
August Huguenard	Arsnee Sordelet
F. Huguenard	Anthony Sordelet
Frank Juif	James Sheridan
Paul Juif	Edw. Schroeder
Victor Juif	George Till
J. Kaliker	Henry Till
A. Lanoir	Fred Till
J. B. Masson	Michael Till
P. Masson	Joseph Till
George Martin	J. B. Urbine
F. C. Martin	F. Urbine
August Martin	J. Walker
	Brisque White
	Lawrence White



FATHER MICHAEL P. LOUEN 1901 - 1907

IN the year 1901, Father Lafontaine was succeeded by Father Michael P. Louen, who in the course of his pastorate here was destined to become the builder of the present beautiful parish church, and who because of this notable contribution to the cause of Catholicity in this community is still remembered and spoken of at this late date, with special reverence.

Father Louen was born in Chicago in 1870. Having made both his classical and philosophical studies in France, he was admirably fitted for the task of administering to the needs of the people of this New France, here at Academie. He studied Theology at St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, and was ordained by Archbishop Katzer in 1899.

Prior to his coming he served as Assistant at St. Joseph's, Mishawaka, and then for a short time as temporary pastor at St. Mary's, Huntington. During the first three years of his pastorate here, he succeeded in accumulating sufficient funds to warrant the inauguration of a building program. The little frame church build by Father Adam was becoming quite inadequate for the growing congregation and early in the year 1904 was moved from its foundations to make way for a larger and more modern building.

This structure of brick and stone composition was built at the cost of \$11,970.00; and while this sum undoubtedly represented a huge investment then, it would perhaps require approximately \$75,000.00 to replace it today. The architect for the building was C. R. Weatherhogg, the general contractor, John Sultzer. The general spirit of enthusiasm and good will on the part of all concerned with regard to this project is attested to by the fact that the parish subscribed about \$4,000.00. The records also indicate that a total of nineteen donors furnished the stained glass windows at a cost of \$600.00, and that the statues on the side altars were purchased by the pupils of Sacred Heart Academie. At the end of the year 1905 the total indebtedness was only \$1,400.00.

It may be of special interest to note that some misfortune attended the construction of the present church. It came in the nature of a furious storm about the time that the timbers for the roof were being put in place. Tradition has it that these timbers were completely torn from their moorings. As a result the top portion of the walls was considerably weakened. While this condition wasn't apparent at the time, it showed up in less than a year when a decided wall spread appeared. The threat of danger was immediately eliminated however thru the process of tie-rodging and altho the building was never completely drawn back into place these reinforcements have to all indications admirably served the purpose of sustaining the heavy slate roof and holding the structure together. The installation of these rods accounts for the rather unique ceiling in evidence in the church. The boxings placed at intervals in the ceiling conceal these iron rods.

Father Louen was transferred to Besancon in the year 1907. Here he built a new school and Sisters' House. In 1915 he was sent to St. Peter and Paul's, Huntington, where he also built a new school. In 1929 he was appointed to St. Joseph's, Mishawaka, where he had begun his priestly career. He died shortly afterwards on May 19, 1931.

From Jan. 12, 1907 until July 1, 1908, St. Vincent's Parish was under the administration of a Precious Blood priest in the person of Father Ambrose Dowd.



FATHER JOSEPH LYNN

1908 - 1921

Of all of the many priests who served the parish either as pastors or administrators, perhaps none served any more faithfully, and certainly none nearly as long as did Father Lynn who was in residence here for thirteen years.

Father Lynn was born in County Tirone, Ireland. When still a child he came to America to make his home with relatives in Whiting, Indiana. He studied for the priesthood at Kankakee, Ill., and Cincinnati, Ohio, and was ordained by Bishop Alerding in 1905. After three years of Assistantship at St. Mary's, Lafayette, and St. Charles', Peru, he came to St. Vincent's in 1908 to begin his long term of fruitful service, not only to the people of this community but also to the Sisters and pupils of Sacred Heart Academie.

From the days of Father Adam up to the time that the Academie was closed, the pastors of the parish always filled the Chaplaincy at the local institution. While this additional responsibility must have in some respects weighed quite heavily on the shoulders of all concerned it can be safely said that Father Lynn truly endeared himself as much to this portion of his flock as he did to his parishioners, by reason of the devoted service which he constantly rendered to them.

Because of his progressive spirit and his ability to get things done he made many splendid contributions to the parish plant. In 1909 he erected the present rectory at a cost of \$4,000.00. In 1911 he installed the steam heating system in the church. By 1915 he had completely liquidated the parish debt. In 1916, he purchased the present pews, the stations of the Cross, the organ and the side altars. With regard to the organ, costing approximately \$1,500.00, the sum of \$742.00 was solicited in terms of a donation from the Carnegie Foundation and the remainder raised by popular subscription. In 1917 he installed a new Prox boiler in the Church, and in 1918 built the Annex connecting the rectory with the church. This annex now proves almost invaluable from the standpoint of a Winter Chapel for week-day Mass.

In June 1921, Father Lynn was transferred to Hobart where he remained until 1925. He then went to California for a time. There he built a church and school in the city of San Diego. In 1929 he returned to the Diocese. Since then he has held pastorates in Whiting and Michigan City. While in Michigan City he also built a school and rectory. He is now stationed in Dunkirk in the new Diocese of Lafayette.



CEMETERY ALTAR ERECTED BY FR. LYNN 1920



THE RT. REV. EDWARD VURPILLAT 1921 - 1926

In June 1921, Father Edward Vurpillat was appointed to succeed Father Lynn. He too is prayerfully remembered by the people of the parish for an outstanding accomplishment, for it was during his regime that a basement was provided for under the church building

Father Vurpillat was born in Winamac, Indiana, in 1884. He studied at St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Indiana, and at St. Bernard's, Rochester, N. Y. He was ordained by Bishop Alerding in 1911. After spending six years as Assistant at St. Mary's, Lafayette, and St. Peter's, Fort Wayne, he became pastor of Portland. This assignment was a very brief one however because in 1918 he asked permission to apply for military duty. The permission was granted and he was accepted as a Chaplain in the United States Army. In this capacity he was sent to Europe and saw action in France. He then returned to America after the war and in 1919 was made pastor of St. Joseph Church in Fort Wayne. In 1921 he came to Academie where like his predecessors he also served as chaplain to the Academie.

During the Summer of 1924 the difficult task of excavating the Church basement was undertaken. To tell the complete story of this program would require much time and space for it was a program which not only demanded a great deal of courage but also persevering cooperation on the part of many loyal hearts and willing hands. It was a project which was accomplished almost entirely by volunteer labor. Father Vurpillat supplied the guidance and inspiration; the men of the parish working under his supervision, moved the dirt. They not only unearthed old graves, but also encountered real hazards in the form of quicksand pockets. In one instance particularly, it seemed that the whole venture was going to end in failure and perhaps even disaster since there was a definite threat of the entire South wall caving in. Fortunately this didn't happen but it was undoubtedly the deciding factor with regard to the installation of unusually large retaining walls. These walls it is true considerably diminish the capacity of the hall and yet it is perhaps because of them that the building still stands today.

All thru these years, the parish has thus been able to boast of a splendid meeting place and social center, thanks to the courage of a pastor who truly appreciated the need of such facilities. Within recent years the basement has been improved and modernized and now presents a truly inviting atmosphere and setting for most any kind of an activity.

In 1927, Father Vurpillat was transferred to East Chicago and since 1935 has been stationed at St. Mary's Church, Michigan City. He is now also the local Dean and bears the title of a Rt. Rev. Monsignor.

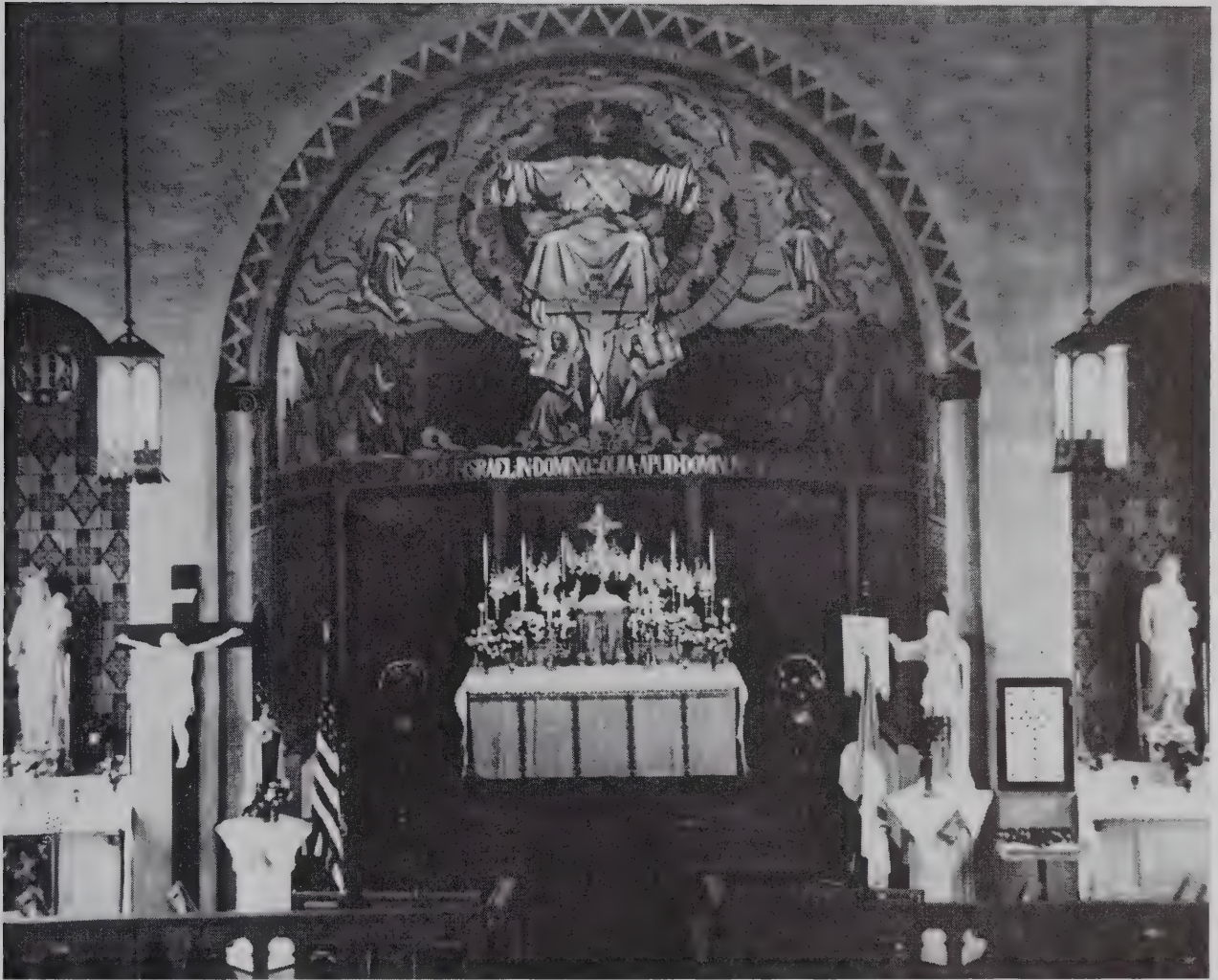


FATHER JOHN E. DILLON 1927 - 1932

When Father Vurpillat was transferred in March of 1927, the next pastor to be assigned to St. Vincent's was the Diocesan Chancellor in the person of Father John E. Dillon.

Father Dillon was born in Hartford City in 1891. He made his studies at Niagara University and St. Mary's, Cincinnati, and was ordained at Cincinnati in 1917. Immediately after ordination Bishop Alerding selected him as his personal secretary. This in turn led to his appointment as Chancellor in 1921, an office which he retained throughout the five years of his pastorate here and therefore up to the time of his appointment as pastor of St. Ann's Church in Lafayette in 1932.

The name of Father Dillon is in a very special way associated with St. Vincent's parish church since it was during his pastorate in 1929 that the interior of the building was completely renovated. Not only did the project include a thorough program of decoration but the altars too were reduced and made to conform to exacting liturgical standards. The paintings and decorations were executed by the Conrad Schmidt Studios at a cost of \$4,100.00, and while the parish thus incurred a new indebtedness of \$5,000.00 at this time, the work was durable and lasting, and for nearly twenty years now has been a source of satisfaction, inspiration and devotion to the members of the congregation. Even today there is very little deterioration in evidence, and together with the many appointments which have been added from time to time, the Church interiorly truly presents an appearance of loveliness, and can perhaps be regarded as one of the most beautiful rural structures in the Diocese.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH INTERIOR



FATHER JOACHIM BAKER 1932 - 1934

One of the oldest priests to actively assume charge of St. Vincent's parish was Father Joachim Baker. He was appointed to succeed Father Dillon in 1932. After two years he was transferred to Hesse Cassel his last in a long line of pastoral appointments. While at Hesse Cassel he enjoyed the happy privilege of celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. He observed the event in St. Mary's Church, Fort Wayne, where fifty years previously he had celebrated his First Holy Mass.

Father Baker was a native of Fort Wayne, born in 1863. He studied at Mount Calvary and St. Francis, Wis., and was ordained by Bishop Dwenger in 1888. The two years of his pastorate here were rather difficult and trying years because they were depression years, and the records indicate his having a hard time making ends meet. Because of his patient and self-sacrificing spirit however, he did succeed perhaps as well as anyone else could have under the circumstances. Father Baker passed to his reward Jan. 20, 1939.



FATHER EDWARD FALLON 1934 - 1936

While Father Fallon remained here only a short time, he admirably proved his ability as an administrator. Conditions generally were still bad as a result of the financial depression, and yet the records indicate that he not only succeeded in liquidating all delinquent obligations but even paid off a small portion of the parish debt. These achievements like so many others that had been realized in the past, were in a large measure the result of the traditional and successful parish picnics held almost annually back thru the years.

Father Fallon was born in Huntington in 1894. He was ordained in 1920 by Bishop Alerding and was sent to St. Patrick's, Fort Wayne, for his first assignment. He then successively served at St. Vincent's Logansport, St. Vincent's Orphanage, Fort Wayne and Portland. When he left here in 1936 he went to Reynolds and has since been assigned to Kentland, now also in the new Diocese of Lafayette.



FATHER CHARLES KEYSER 1936 - 1940

Not only have the people of St. Vincent's always been loyal and true to their priests, but they also have a habit of reverently remembering and speaking well of them after they are gone. Certainly this spirit has always and perhaps particularly been in evidence as it concerns Father Charles Keyser who was appointed here in 1936 to succeed Father Fallon. Father Keyser was born in Monroe, Michigan, in 1875. He studied for the Priesthood at Notre Dame, Sandwich, Canada and Cincinnati, Ohio. He was ordained by Bishop Alerding in 1902. After serving as Assistant in Elkhart and Hammond, he was made Pastor of Lowell. In less than a year he was sent to North Judson where he built the present beautiful church. From 1907 on he served under the Bishop of Crookston, Minnesota, and then in 1936 returned to his own Diocese of Fort Wayne.

As the Pastor of St. Vincent's, Father Keyser endeared himself to the hearts of the people both by reason of his thoroughly spiritual approach as it concerned the solution of their problems, and secondly by reason of his self-sacrificing spirit. Thus even tho general economic conditions had not as yet improved to any extent during the period of his stay here he nevertheless succeeded in making a fine showing during those five years. Besides some improvements and many necessary purchases, he managed to retire \$3,200.00 of the parish indebtedness.

It is also of interest to note here that Father Keyser served as the last of a long line of Chaplains to the Holy Cross Sisters at the Academie. While the institution had ceased to function as a school already before his coming here, it now served as a home for infirm and retired Sisters. In 1938 the property was purchased by the Crosier Fathers, and has since been converted into a Diocesan Minor Seminary for students to the Holy Priesthood. This program since its inception has been under the very able direction of the Very Rev. Thomas Brandon, O. S. C., Prior and Rector.



THE VERY REV. THOMAS BRANDON, O. S. C.



FATHER EDWARD A. MILLER 1940



It is entirely possible that Father Keyser would still be the Pastor of St. Vincent's Parish had it not been for the particular circumstance which resulted in Father Miller being appointed his successor on July 4, 1940. This circumstance had to do with Father Miller's Directorship of the Music Department at Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne. While the prospect of his receiving a pastoral appointment at this time was exceedingly welcome the desire to continue working at the school was almost equally strong, so good Bishop Noll solved the difficulty by creating an opening here at Academie within easy driving distance to the city, and making Father Keyser the Pastor of Avilla. Father Miller cheerfully accepted the double responsibility and continued to serve in this dual capacity until June, 1944 when a Professional Band Director in the person of Mr. Richard Guthier was selected to replace him.

Father Miller was born in 1905 at Waterloo, Indiana. He studied for the Priesthood at Mount Calvary, Wis., and Cincinnati, Ohio, and was ordained by Bishop Noll in 1929. His first assignment was to Michigan City where he served as Resident Chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital, Catholic Chaplain of the Indiana State Prison and Assistant at St. Mary's Church. In 1935 he was transferred to St. Mary's Church, Fort Wayne. Here he built up a splendid Catholic Youth Organization. In 1939 while still continuing as Assistant at St. Mary's, he was named the Spiritual Director at Central Catholic High School. Functioning in this capacity he at the same time organized Band and Orchestra and generally speaking laid the groundwork for an outstanding Music Department in the School. In 1940 he was named the 26th Pastor of St. Vincent's Parish.



APPROACHING THE CENTURY MARK

1940 - 1946

The year 1943 actually marked the Centenary of the founding of St. Vincent Parish. Because of war-time conditions however, we refrained from an external observance of the event, trusting that by 1946 the Hundredth Anniversary of the building of the first church, we might be able to plan a truly fitting celebration. Both Pastor and People profoundly thank Almighty God for the magnificent opportunity which has thus presented itself. We are most prayerfully mindful too of the zealous Priests and loyal Parishioners who by their sacrifices thruout these many years have helped to make this occasion possible. In fine, we are everlastingly grateful for the extraordinary spiritual and material blessings of recent times rendering this period an outstanding golden period of progress and achievement.

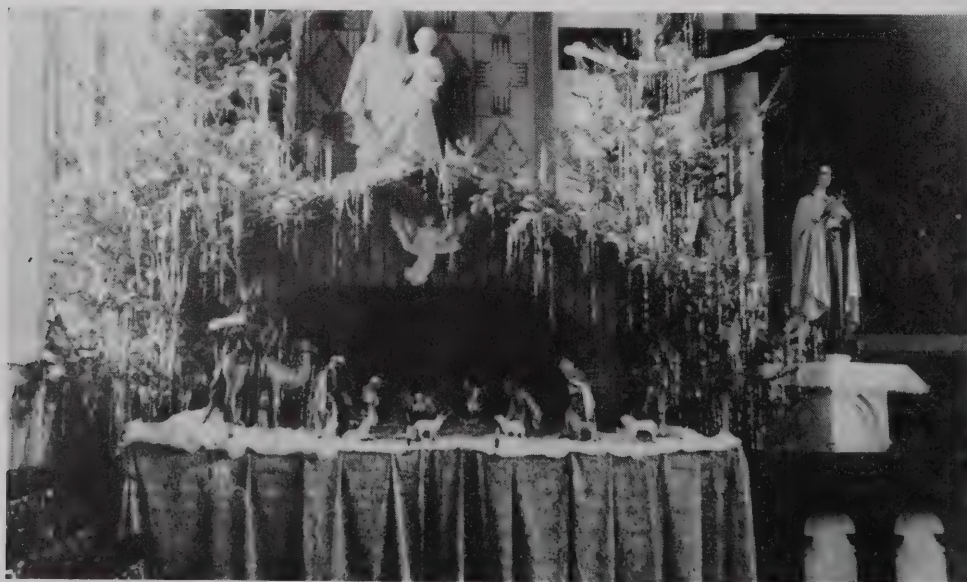
During this past half decade, St. Vincent Parish, like most every parish in the Diocese, has truly grown and prospered. The membership today stands at an all-time high numbering 140 families with approximately 500 souls. Financially, the Congregation also enjoys the healthiest condition it has ever seen in its long history; and this in spite of the fact that thousands of dollars have been spent for repairs and improvements. A complete picture of this portion of parish history can perhaps best be presented in terms of a chronological analysis herewith included under the heading:

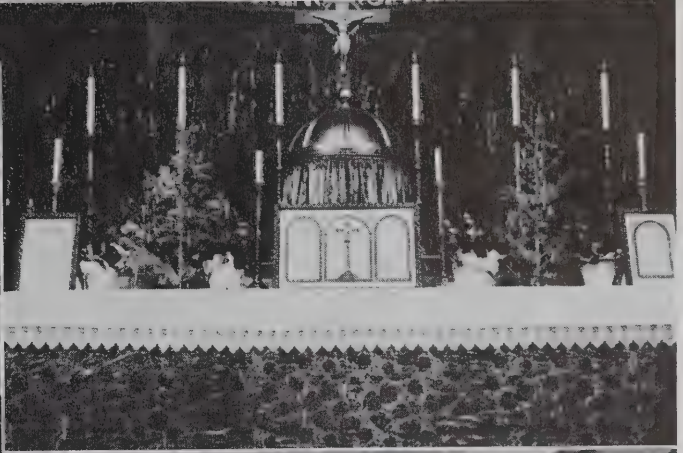
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HISTORICAL DATA

1940

- July 4: Rev. Edward A. Miller, appointed pastor.
- July 14: Annual Picnic.
- August: Radiation in church completely overhauled.
Thorough Census of the parish. 103 families registered.
- September: Ciborium replated. Altar Cloths. Sanctuary Bell. Organ repaired and tuned. New Hymnals.
- October: House Annex remodeled; converted into Winter Chapel \$115.00.
Overhead Garage Door installed.
Church basement completely renovated; cement floor, walls plastered; ceiling inclosed; new light fixtures. \$375.00.
- November: New Kohler Steam Boiler. \$825.00.
- Dec. 8th: Canonical Erection of the Rosary Society.
- December: New Christmas Stable and Crib Set.
- Dec. 25th: First Christmas Midnight Mass in history of parish.





HISTORICAL DATA

1941

- January: Canonical Erection of the Holy Name Society.
Purchased 40 acres of real estate.
Loaned from Diocese, \$2,000.00. Total Indebtedness, \$3,500.00.
- May: Two weeks of Religious Vacation School; Catechists
Luchtenfield and Kieffer in charge.
Purchased 16 banquet tables.
Our first May Crowning. Virginia Fisher, Queen.
- June 1st: First Communion.
Automatic Electric Hot Water Heater installed, \$75.00.
Additional excavations in Church basement.
North stairway constructed, \$340.00.
Purchased 100 folding chairs.
- July 13: Annual Picnic: net receipts, \$1,786.00.
Paid on debt, \$1,000.00.
- August: Bed-room Suite purchased, \$83.00.
- September: Appointment of Father L. Cross as part-time Assistant.
One week's Mission; Father Alphonse Heckler, O. M. Cap.
- October: Installed Stoker on Church Boiler, \$280.00.
- November: All Souls Devotions.
- December: Purchased White Cope and Benediction Veil.
Installed rubber cushion kneelers in church, \$387.00.
Outdoor Christmas Crib.
Christmas Party for children.
Solemn Midnight Mass.
Parish membership, 104 families.

FATHER LEONARD CROSS,
PART-TIME ASSISTANT

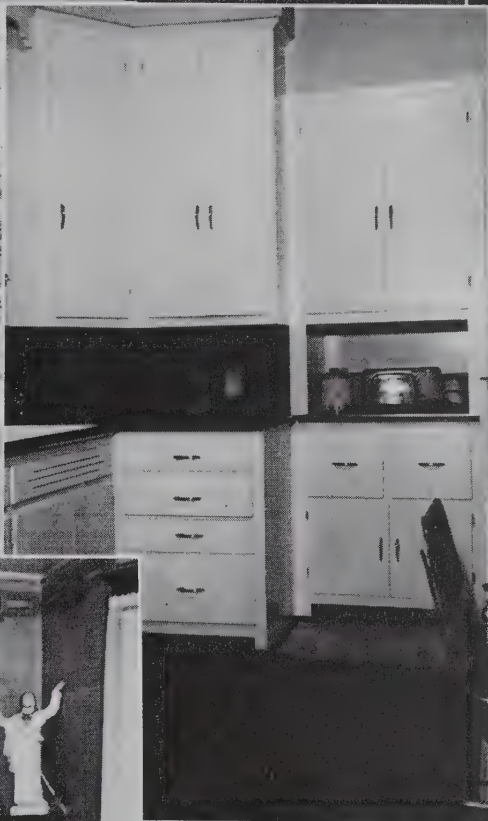
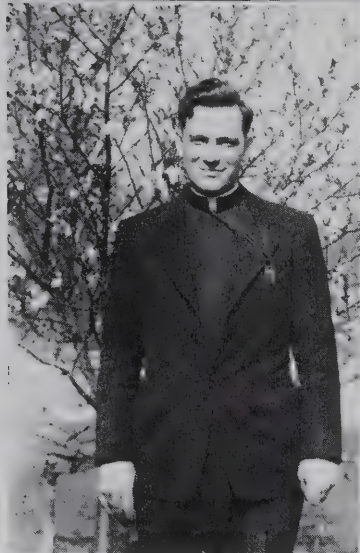
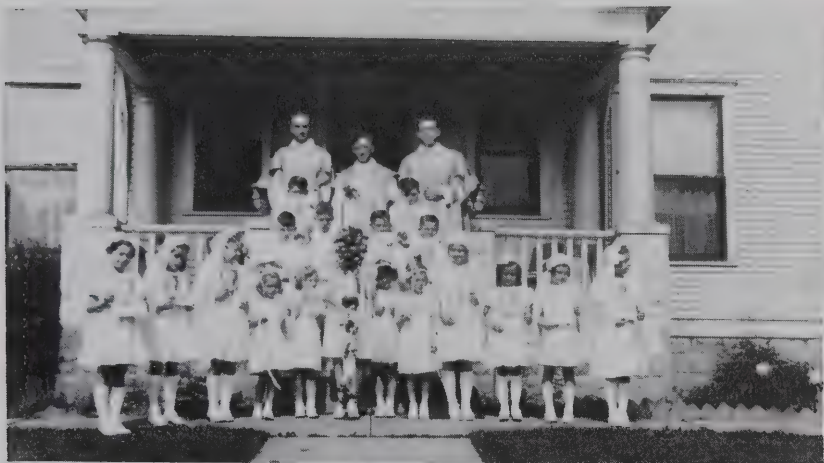




HISTORICAL DATA

1942

- January: Inauguration of Monthly Holy Hour.
Papal and American Flag Set purchased for Sanctuary.
- March: Introduction of Congregational Way of the Cross.
- April: Complete remodeling of house kitchen, \$800.00.
- May: Saturday evening May Devotions.
Annual Vacation School: Catechists Snyder and Gans in charge.
Magnificent Spiritual Bouquet for the Holy Father.
- May 31: First Communion and May Crowning. Norma Fox, Queen.
- June: Power mower purchased, \$75.00.
Salvage Drive on behalf of Chaplain's Aid.
- July: Purchased living room suite and rug, \$270.00.
Payment on debt, \$500.00. Balance, \$2,000.00.
Annual Picnic. Net receipts, \$1,913.00.
- September: Sanctuary floor and Altar steps renovated.
New Sanctuary carpet purchased, \$450.00.
House porch inclosed, \$230.00.
- October: All buildings except church painted.
Bath room remodeled, \$300.00.
Purchased stoker for house boiler.
- November: All Souls Devotions.
- December: Altar Boy's Cassocks and Surplices.
Annual Christmas party for the children.
Parish membership 124 families.



HISTORICAL DATA

1943

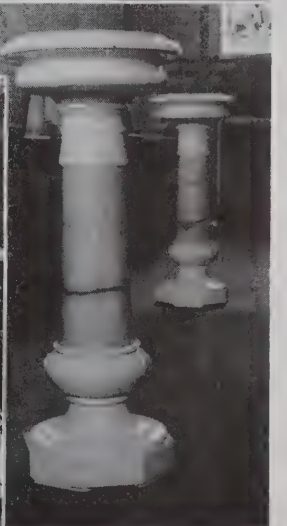
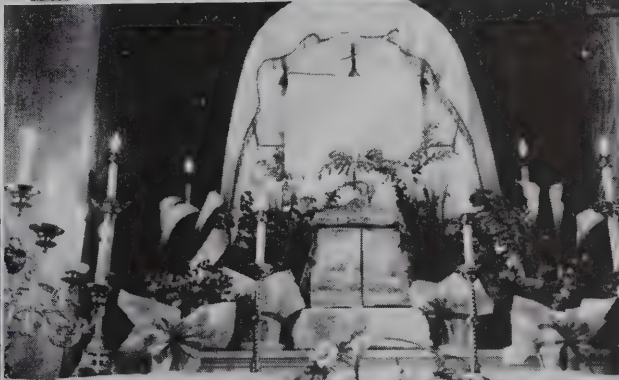
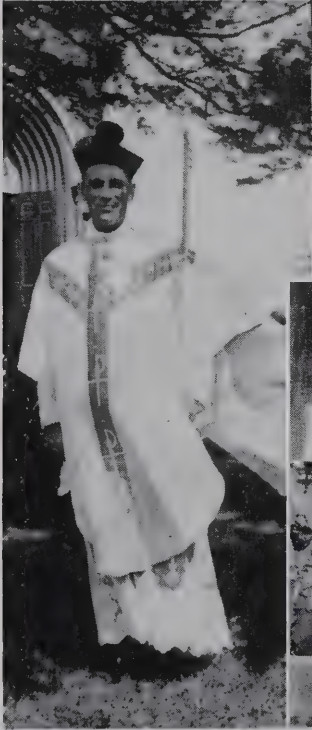
- February: Promotion of Family Rosary Project.
- March: Pipe Organ completely overhauled, \$340.00.
Front yard landscaped.
- April: Grading of new property for cemetery.
Gold altar antependium and linens.
- May: Third Annual Vacation School, Catechists Snyder and Saltes in charge.
Mother's Day Novena of Masses.
- May 23: First Communion and Confirmation; 49 Confirmed.
- May 30: Annual May Crowning; Patricia Groselle, Queen.
- June: Introduction of Eucharistic Holy Hour Book for congregational praying.
- July: Our first substitute cash picnic, \$1,300.00.
Paid on debt, \$1,000.00. Balance, \$1,000.00.
- August: Announcement of Father Cross having been appointed as the new Superintendent at C. C. H. S.
Posting of our Honor Roll.
- September: Adoption of Catechetical Quiz Sheet and Timeless Topic in our religious instruction program.
Purchased gold damask vestment and altar cards.
- October: Roads and walks in new cemetery laid out and graded.
Received \$1,000.00 from Lawrence White for Memorial Altar.
- December: Annual Christmas party for the children.
Solemn Midnight Mass on Christmas.
Parish membership, 131 families.



HISTORICAL DATA

1944

- January: Purchased new Tabernacle Safe for High Altar.
- February: Day of Recollection; over 100 adults in attendance.
Purchased altar boys cassocks and surplices.
- March: Purchased Baptismal Font, \$109.00.
- April: Real estate plat approved by Most Rev. Bishop and City Planning Commission.
- May: Annual Vacation School; Catechists Wilkie and Shields.
Traditional May Crowning; Joan Kell, Queen.
- June 4: First Communion day.
Purchased new Holy Water Fonts.
- July 21: First War Casualty: Joseph Ryan, killed in France.
Cash Picnic Collection, \$1,500.00.
- August: Erection of Lawrence White Memorial Altar.
Church painted and repaired.
- September: Obtained services of Crosier Fathers for Sunday morning Confessions.
- October: Advent of Notre Dame Sisters into the parish for religious instructions of the children.
Organ improvements; console moved; wind engine installed.
Chemical sealer applied to floor of church.
Entire basement painted.
- November: Our first Forty Hours for many years.
- December: Stations of Cross completely renovated.
Books closed on real estate project. 32 acres sold and sufficient amount realized to cover cost of entire original tract.
Paid balance of debt in amount of \$1,000.00.
Purchased new votive light stand.
Annual Christmas Party for the children.
Solemn Midnight Mass on Christmas.
Parish membership, 135 families.



HISTORICAL DATA

1945

- January: Loaned to the Diocese the sum of \$3,000.00.
- January 8: First formal meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Society.
 Organization of Parish Council of Catholic Action.
- March 3: Memorial Mass for Stephen O'Rourke Killed in Action in Luxembourg, Jan. 8th, 1945.
- April 4: Memorial Mass for William Ryan killed in action on Iwo Jima, March 8th, 1945.
 Magnificent Lenten Drive for New Seminary, \$3,500.00.
 Used clothing drive for War Refugees; over 2000 lbs.
- May: Saturday evening May Devotions.
 Installation of rubber cushion kneelers on altar railing.
- May 27th: Annual May Crowning; Joan Gillieron Queen.
- June 3: Week of religious Summer School: Notre Dame Sisters.
- June 10: First Communions.
- June 24: Inauguration of monthly Convert Communion Sunday.
 150 tons of crushed stone on new cemetery roads.
 Deep well jet pump installed.
- July: New Cemetery By-laws approved by Most Rev. Bishop.
- August: First burial in new cemetery: Frank Fisher.
- September: Rock wool insulation of the rectory.
 Installation of combination screen and storm sash on entire rectory.
- October: Purchased new Monstrance, luna holder and candelabra.
 Large parking area constructed.
- November 4: Dedication of the New Cemetery by the Most Rev. Bishop. 45 of the Clergy in attendance.
- December: Purchased Victory Bond in the amount of \$2,000.00.
 Canned goods drive for war refugees over 400 lbs.
 Annual Christmas party for the children.
 Midnite Mass on Christmas.
 Parish membership, 143 families.



HISTORICAL DATA

1946

- January: Planting of 20 American Elms and landscaping of mound on the new property.
- February: Successful used clothing drive for war victims.
- March: Excavation of house annex, new walls and conversion into additional basement kitchen facilities.

Inauguration of two evening weekly lenten devotions.
- April: Purchased Statue of St. Anthony and pedestal.

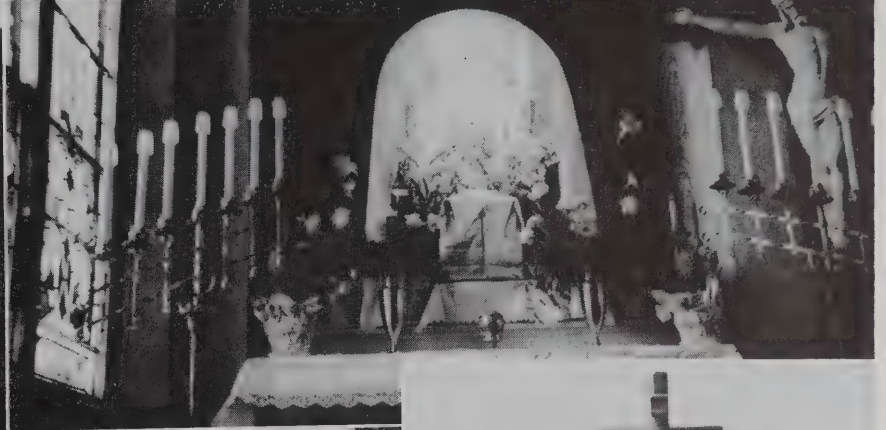
Purchased Statue of St. Vincent and pedestal.
- May: Generous response to the appeal in behalf of the Maryknoll Missions: Father John Sullivan

United Name Society Holy Hour. Capacity attendance.

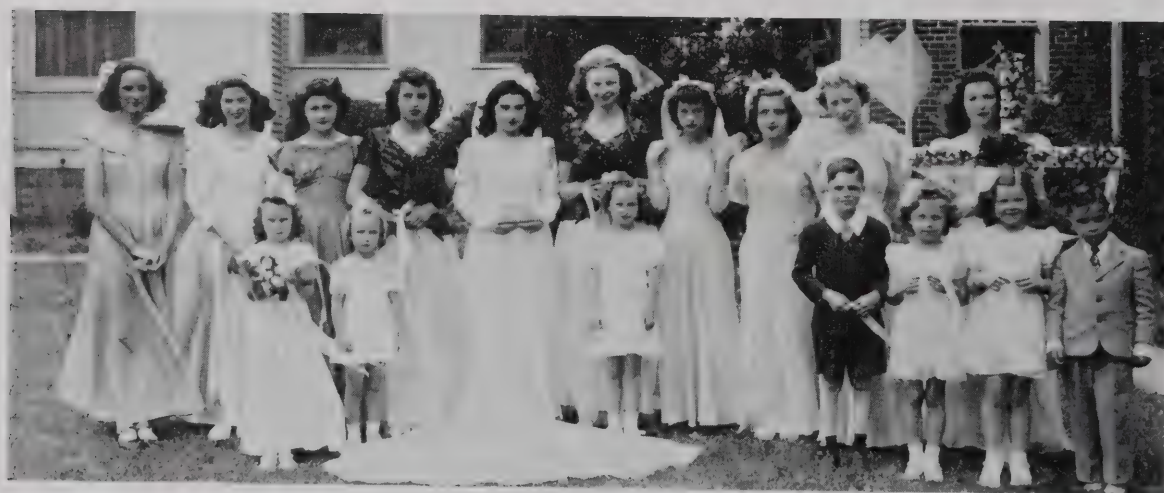
Purchased Whirl-wind power mower, \$489.00.

Canned goods drive for war victims: 100 lbs. of goods, \$85.00 in cash.
- May 26: Annual May Crowning. Theresa Ryan, Queen.
- June 9: First Communions.

Purchased complete set of beautiful white vestments.
- June 16: First Solemn Mass of Father Joseph Till.
- June 23: Participation in Deanery Eucharistic Day at St. Vincent's Villa.
- June 30: Choir Picnic.
- July: Annual Substitute Cash Picnic.
- September: One week's Mission: Father S. Oberhauser conducting.
- September 8: CENTENARY CELEBRATION: Pontifical Field Mass.



ANNUAL MAY CROWNING 1946





SCENE AND SETTING OF THE CENTENARY PONTIFICAL FIELD MASS
FEAST OF OUR LADY'S NATIVITY
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1946

ORGANIZATIONS

There is no gainsaying the fact that the healthy condition of parochial life, and generally speaking, the magnificent spirit of enthusiasm in evidence here at St. Vincent's today, is in a large part due to our splendid parish organizations. Every phase of spiritual, social and cultural activity which both Pastor and People naturally look for in a progressively minded congregation, is being promoted and covered by one or the other of these groups. Some of them are of course quite recent in their origin; others date back thru the years. All are active however, and all of them are doing a grand job, thanks in a particular measure to the truly splendid lay leadership with which the parish has been singularly blessed, especially thruout the last quarter of a century.

THE COUNCILMEN

The office of Church Trustee here at St. Vincent's, constitutes not only a position of honor but one of responsibility as well. These three men are in the truest sense the pastor's assistants and advisers. According to the present and perhaps unique system, they individually serve for a period of three years, and then automatically become members of the Cemetery Board for a like period of three years. This system requires the election of a new member annually, an election conducted by way of secret ballot in which the entire adult membership of the parish is invited to participate. In the course of time this insures the burdens of the office being distributed over many shoulders and likewise tends to sustain the kind of interest which the people generally, should and sincerely do want to manifest as it concerns the administration of their temporal affairs. There are no records which serve to identify the men who held this office prior to 1933. Since then however, we are happy to list the following: Thomas Burns, Henry Bobay, Joseph Pepe, Frank Till, George Martin, Jerome Girard, Harry Pulver, Andrew Bobay, Edward Middendorf, Lawrence Till, Michael Maley, Alfred Sordelet, Henry Bruns and Leo Till. Along with the present incumbents, these men have contributed much to the well-being of the parish, and have certainly merited our everlasting gratitude.

THE USHERS

One of the many duties of a church trustee here at St. Vincent's is to function in the capacity of an usher. Since their number is inadequate to handle this particular detail, they are assisted by the Holy Name officers and four others individually selected by the pastor every two years. These ten men operate in two groups of five each in keeping with a monthly alternating schedule. All concerned, by virtue of their loyalty and devotion to duty, constitute an important cog in a well-oiled piece of machinery, and are deserving of our highest praise and sincere appreciation. Needless to say, this tribute is paid to all who have ever served the parish in capacity.

THE TRUSTEES



JOHN RYAN, ISIDORE PEPE, CHARLES TILL

THE USHERS



ADRIAN WEAVER, JOSEPH MASON, CRATES MAY, FRANK X. TILL



THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

It was on November 2, 1924, during the pastorate of Father Edward Vurpillat that the men of the parish were organized into a Holy Name Society. The first officers were Lawrence Till, President; L. J. Pepe, Secretary; Joseph L. Bobay, Treasurer. However, in so far as there was no record of the Society being canonically erected at that time this matter was attended to on January 12, 1941. Since then practically all the men of the parish have been officially received. The membership at the present time totals 100. The monthly Corporate Communion occurs every second Sunday, the general meetings, quarterly.

While the Society unquestionably has many accomplishments to its credit as it concerns the earlier years of its existence, it is with special gratification that we view the past half decade. During this time, the men under the leadership of their splendid officers, have blazed a trail of real glory for themselves. Spiritually, they invariably edify the congregation by the observance of their Corporate Communion Sunday. They take an active part in the program of the United Holy Name organization especially as it concerns the attendance at the Monthly Holy Hour. They regularly recite the Rosary on the occasion of a member's death and have Masses said for the deceased. The Society is affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Men, and thru a District Captain and Warden arrangement, is officially dedicated to the Program of a Catholic Action operating under a special mandate granted by his Excellency Bishop Noll, Jan. 23, 1945.

Materially the Society has advanced the cause of parish progress, not only by sponsoring many benefits, but even more so by individuals volunteering so much of their time and energy with regard to the promotion and execution of a veritable multitude of work projects. This donated labor, has over a period of years resulted in the saving of thousands of dollars to the parish. Since the Society's Canonical Erection, the officers were: Alfred Sordelet, Thomas Burns, Delphis Martin, 1940; Clement Voors, Joseph Mason, Gerry Martin, 1941-1942; Walter Fox, Sylvester Reinig and Frank Fisher, 1943-1944.

PRESENT OFFICERS



JOHN M. RYAN, JOHN BROTHERS, CECIL BURNS.
HAROLD ROSSWURM (not pictured)

CATHOLIC ACTION CAPTAINS



WALTER FOX, S. REINIG, F. X. TILL, C. BURNS,
JOHN M. RYAN, J. BROTHERS



THE ROSARY SOCIETY

In its beginnings, the Rosary Society was a mixed society of men and women. Records recently discovered indicate that it was thus established in 1894 by Father J. M. Toohey, C. S. C. The original membership list even includes the names of the Sisters then residing at the Academie. Some of our older parishioners as well as Alumnae of the School will perhaps remember them. They were: Sisters Purificazione, Avellino, Hiltrude, Clement, Alexis, Colomkille, Giovanni, Zenobia, Zoffie, and Emelline. As to the laity whose names are inscribed in that record, they have now with but one or two exceptions, all passed to their reward.

Just how long the society functioned as a mixed group, is not clear but it is altogether certain that it has continually existed in the parish over this long period of fifty-two years. Certain too is the fact that thruout these years, the membership has always lent a ready and a willing hand to the many priests who have so faithfully served the needs of this community.

While it is certainly possible that the Society was canonically established in the beginning, the fact was definitely assured by virtue of such a process on Dec. 8th, 1940. At that time too, a Constitution was provided for, together with an official membership register. There are at present 110 members. Besides the monthly general meeting, there is likewise a special monthly meeting of each of the five Circles or Study Club groups into which the membership has been divided. These Circles are under the patronage of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Rita, St. Cecelia, St. Theresa and St. Ann, each group having its own officers and its own program, particularly as it concerns the question of cultural activities. The Society is also affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women, and has taken a very active part in the District Deanery Program.

Since the fundamental purpose of the Society is the sanctification and spiritual advancement of its members, there is really very little that has been left undone to achieve this end. This fact is perhaps best attested to by the general spirit of interest and enthusiasm, not only with regard to the monthly Corporate Communion Sunday, but with regard to every project designed to promote God's glory and to enhance the beauty of His temple. Thru the medium of various activities, the ladies have provided some truly desirable appointments in the church, such as the Tabernacle, the Baptismal Font, the Holy Water Fonts, the gold Antependium, Albs, Vestments, Altar Linens, etc. Thru their selected representatives they clean the church regularly, they remember the sick with prayers and flowers, their deceased, with masses. Hundreds of war victims too have within recent months come under the scope of their charity and kindly influence.

Certainly the most loyal representative of the society in the faithful performance of one of the works of the society is Mrs. Margaret Krauter who for many years has lovingly cared for the altar linens and performed the many weekly tasks which the maintenance of the Lord's Sanctuary require. Not only the Society but the entire parish is eternally indebted to her for this magnificent contribution. The Society's excellent leadership since the Canonical Erection has been supplied by the following: Mrs. Lawrence White, Mrs. Anna Pepe, 1940. Mrs. Harry Pulver, Mrs. Al Sordelet, Mrs. Oscar Bobay, Mrs. Henry Bruns, Miss Geraldine Girard, 1941-1942. Mrs. Lawrence Till, Mrs. Adrian Weaver, Mrs. Frank Fisher, Mrs. Isidore Pepe and Mrs. Leonard Shattuck, 1943-1944.

THE PRESENT OFFICERS



(Standing) Mrs. Lawrence Till, Mrs. Gerald Morsches, Mrs. Gerry Martin.

(Seated) Miss Olive Weaver, Miss Marge Becker, Mr. Wm. O'Rourke.

OUR STUDY CLUB LEADERS



(Standing) Mrs. W. M. Martin, Jr., Mrs. Delphis Martin, Mrs. Gerald Morsches, Mrs. George Bobay, Mrs. Richard Bruns.

(Seated) Mrs. Hirschel Rowley, Mrs. Joseph Gillieron, Mrs. Crates May, Mrs. Irwin Thompson and Miss Madeline Becker.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



(Seated) Gerry Martin, Walter Fox, Alfred Sordalet, Clem Voors.

(Standing) Lawrence Till, Sylvester Reinig, Paul Lenz, Henry Bruns, Paul Zirkel. (Al Poinsette, not pictured).

One of our most recently organized groups is the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It is composed of ten zealous men who are truly dedicated to the ideals of their illustrious patron, and who is incidentally also the Patron Saint of our parish church. It is to these men that we as a parish are indebted for the beautiful statue which now graces our sanctuary.

When his Excellency Bishop Noll in the year 1944 issued an earnest appeal for a St. Vincent de Paul Society in every parish in the Diocese these men were summoned to the rectory and invited to organize a Parish Council. They wholeheartedly accepted this responsibility and on Jan. 8, 1945 held their first formal meeting. Since that time, this group has become a real exponent of the cause of Catholic Action in the community, and it can be said without exaggeration that the entire parish has come under their beneficent influence. The sick, the wayward and the needy have all tasted the sweet fruits of their solicitude and their charity. At present, special efforts are being made in the interests of the Catholic patients at the Irene Byron Sanatorium. Every patient is contacted monthly, and everything that can be done, is done to assist them in more cheerfully accepting their portion of the chalice of suffering. A special tribute and prayerful thought is here directed to Mr. Frank Fisher, a charter member of the organization, who passed to his reward March 3, 1945; and also to Mr. Paul Zirkel, who departed this life, July 4, 1946.

ST. VINCENT'S CHOIR



1st row: Olive Martin, Marie Bruns, Martha Martin, Dolores Weaver.

2nd row: Virginia Martin, Margaret Krauter, Leonida Fisher, John Till.

3rd row: A. Weaver, Eleanor Till, Leo Till, Virginia Fisher, Anna Blair.

4th row: A. Till, Tom Till, H. Ueber, H. Bruns, Clem Voors.

Not pictured: Evelyn Morsches, Norma Fox, Pauline Pulver.

Words of the highest praise and appreciation are due to our choir. Certainly of all the various groups devoted to the advancement of a Parochial Program, these men and women particularly, demonstrate the truly Christlike spirit of zeal and self-sacrifice. Without any thought of personal aggrandizement or even flattery, they faithfully heed the call for weekly rehearsal work during nine long months out of every year, in order that each Sunday's presentation may constitute a fitting and pleasing hymn of praise to Almighty God, a source of edification and inspiration to the entire congregation. This persevering effort in spite of more or less ordinary talent has resulted not only in the development of a thoroughly liturgical program but also in the organization of a splendid harmonized chorus.

While the present membership represents a comparatively new aggregation there are nevertheless several within its ranks who have merited special recognition and gratitude. For them, this occasion is a Silver Jubilee as well, because it is now fully a quarter of a century that they have thus unstintingly served their parish. For twenty-five years the Till Brothers have championed the cause of a choir program here at St. Vincent's. Altho Almighty God has undoubtedly blessed them in many ways for their loyalty, He certainly must also have a special reward in store for them in the hereafter.

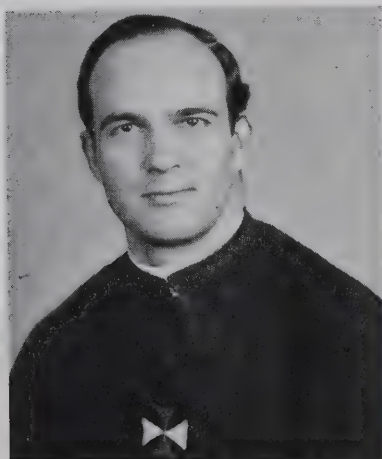
The choir is now comprised of twenty voices representing six old and fourteen new members since 1940. The pastor, Father Miller personally trains and directs the group. The present organist is a talented young lady in the person of Miss Virginia Fisher, and certainly it is to her marvelous ability at the console, to her persevering efforts and untiring interest that much of the success realized is gratefully attributed. Miss Fisher has had a long line of predecessors in this position and they too deserve a special tribute of gratitude for their loyal services. This is particularly true of Mrs. Marie Bruns. Others who served the parish in this capacity were: Mrs. Keller of Precious Blood Parish, Virginia Till, Alma Fitch, Cecelia Till, Veronica Pepe and Loretta Sheridan.



ORGANIST
MISS VIRGINIA FISHER



DIRECTOR
FATHER E. A. MILLER



FATHER JOE SMERKE, O. S. C.

Not to be overlooked, are the good Fathers from the Seminary for their frequent assistance. Our thanks go out particularly to Father Joe and Father Al for their wonderful contributions. On the occasion of funeral or a week-day High Mass, they can always be counted on to provide the musical setting.



FATHER AL MAHER, O. S. C.



Sr. ISNATIANA



Sr. JOANELLA



Sr. VERENA



Sr. MARY ELLEN



Sr. NORMAN

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE



There was a time in the history of the parish when the children, that is, at least some of them were given the advantages of a parochial school training. This was in the days of the Sacred Heart Academie, with a small brick building located in the Academie Grove serving as a one room school house. Later on and for a short time only, the old parish rectory was used for this purpose. With the closing of the Academie however, every possibility of perpetuating this program necessarily ceased. Since that time, the problem of catechizing the children has become a serious one principally by reason of the people of the parish being scattered over such a large area, an area which embraces practically the whole of Allen County North of the city of Fort Wayne.

During these past few years, various plans have been attempted but none nearly so effective and desirable as the system now in vogue. This system had its inception in the Summer Vacation School idea inaugurated in 1941 when the Catechists from Victory Noll Huntington were invited into the parish to conduct two full weeks of instruction for the children. This program was then repeated annually for four years; and because it exercised such wholesome influence on the children it gave rise to the desire of having Sisters present every Sunday thruout the school year.

In October 1944 the School Sisters of Notre Dame were approached with the idea and most graciously accepted the invitation to thus establish a partial mission in the parish. The Sisters who have been in charge of this project for two years now are the Notre Dame Teachers on the Central Catholic High School Faculty, and to be sure, the people of the parish are both honored and gratified to have such outstanding Sisters serving the catechetical needs of their children.

All the parents of the children attending these weekly classes are regarded as constituting the membership of our Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Not only do they insure their regular attendance each Sunday, the average attendance being approximately 110, but as a rule also bring them for special classes during the period of a week immediately preceding our annual First Communion festivities.

Next to the Sisters, the parents and the children, special acknowledgment for the success of this program goes to the generous self-sacrificing women from St. Mary's Parish, Fort Wayne, who for two years have provided the weekly means of transportation. Every Sunday, they bring the Sisters in time for the first Mass, and generally remain until after the late Mass, so as to again return the Sisters to their convent. Those who have particularly merited our undying thanks are: Mrs. George Deininger, Miss Gertrude Kocks, Miss Angela Baltes, Miss Margaret Kindley and Miss Florence Rissing.



DEDICATION OF NEW CEMETERY
NOVEMBER 4, 1945

ST. VINCENT'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION



THE CEMETERY BOARD

Lawrence Till, Alfred Sordelet, Henry Bruns, Leo Till

The people of St. Vincent's parish are justly proud of the fact that they have always owned and maintained their own burial grounds. The location of the old cemetery is well known to everyone who has ever had any contacts with or any interests in the parish. As a matter of fact, because of its close proximity to the Church and Rectory, and by reason of it now being so beautifully maintained, thanks to Mr. Henry Bobay, it has commanded the attention of many a passerby, and is a real source of pride to the members of the congregation.

An even greater source of pride is the new Academie Addition originally purchased in 1941 in terms of a forty acre farm. Since that time this property has been platted and most of it resold, the parish retaining the eight acre corner immediately South of the Church. This area has been beautifully laid out and landscaped with one half of it dedicated to the use of a new burial grounds. The rest is being reserved for a possible future school site. As it concerns the cemetery section, a beautiful Calvary Altar donated by Mr. Lawrence White, was erected thereon in 1944, and serves to present a magnificent setting for the purposes described.

There is no gainsaying the fact that the results achieved to date represent a lot of work, sacrifice and serious planning on the part of those upon whom the responsibility has been placed. The process of fixing this responsibility was clearly determined early in the program. This process provides that the church trustees, after having served their full term of three years in that capacity, automatically become members of the Cemetery Committee, also for a period of three years, and that these men in conjunction with the Pastor constitute the board of Directors of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Cemetery Association. It is to the charter members of this committee that the parish owes a tremendous vote of thanks. They are, Lawrence Till, Alfred Sordelet, Henry Bruns and Leo Till.

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR



Altho the parish is deprived of the benefits of a parochial school, this fact has in no way deterred many of our boys from aspiring to the privilege of serving at God's Altar. This is of course due in a large measure to the wonderful encouragement and assistance which they receive from those in charge of our religious instructions program. Not only are we blessed with a large group of boys who happen to be inclined in this direction, but singularly blessed in this: for the most part they happen to be the kind of boys who make good and faithful servers. Invariably, there is almost more than a sufficient number present and vested when it comes time to enter the sanctuary for purposes of public services. Altho many of them live at a distance their loyalty even extends to the week-day Mass schedule thruout the vacation months. During the Winter they are of course unable to come because of their school program; and it is then that the good Fathers from the Seminary again come to the rescue. Every day except Sunday from September till June, one of the boys from the Sophomore class is on hand to do the honors. This is just one of the many kindly expressions of good will on the part of the Fathers toward the parish; an expression which endears them ever more and more strongly to the hearts of our people, and thus insuring a truly grand relationship between our two institutions.



THE SOPHOMORE CLASS OF 1946

SERVING GOD IN RELIGION



SISTER MARY ALMA LOUISE

The daughter of John Parker Fitch and Alma Urbine, Mary Louise was born on the Urbine Homestead three miles North of St. Vincent Church in the year 1911. She graduated from Sacred Heart Academie in 1928 and from St. Joseph School in Nursing in Fort Wayne in 1932. On January 31, 1933, she entered the Holy Cross Order receiving the name Sister Mary Alma Louise. She is now stationed at St. Mary's Infirmary, Cairo, Ill.



SISTER MARY JOSILE

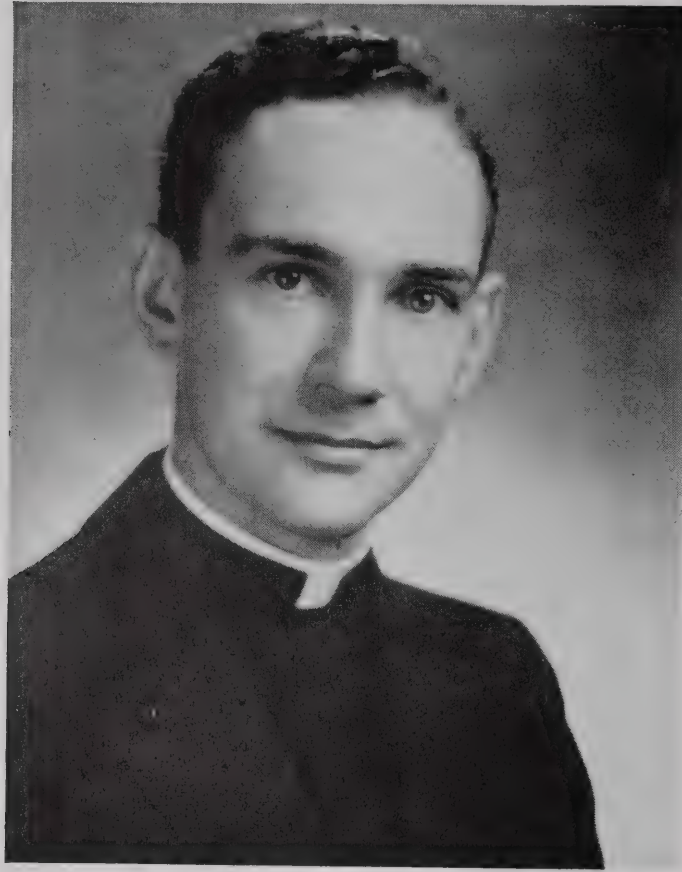
Baptized Marjorie Louise at St. Mary's Church, Fort Wayne, Sister Josile is the daughter of James Urbine and Gladys Crabbs. After the death of her parents she was brought to St. Vincent's by her foster parents John Parker and Alma Fitch. She graduated from Sacred Heart Academie and entered Religion at Holy Cross July 5, 1933. She was professed August 15, 1939, and is now stationed at Holy Cross Junior College, Holy Cross, Indiana.



SISTER MARY LAURA

Kathleen Marie Till, the daughter of Lawrence Till and Pauline Fox was born March 8, 1923. She graduated from St. Mary's Academie in 1941 and received the Habit of the Sisters of Holy Cross on August 15, 1941. Sister Mary Laura has been teaching at Holy Cross School in South Bend since Sept., 1943. She has just made her Solemn Profession August 15, 1946.

OUR FIRST—FIRST HOLY MASS

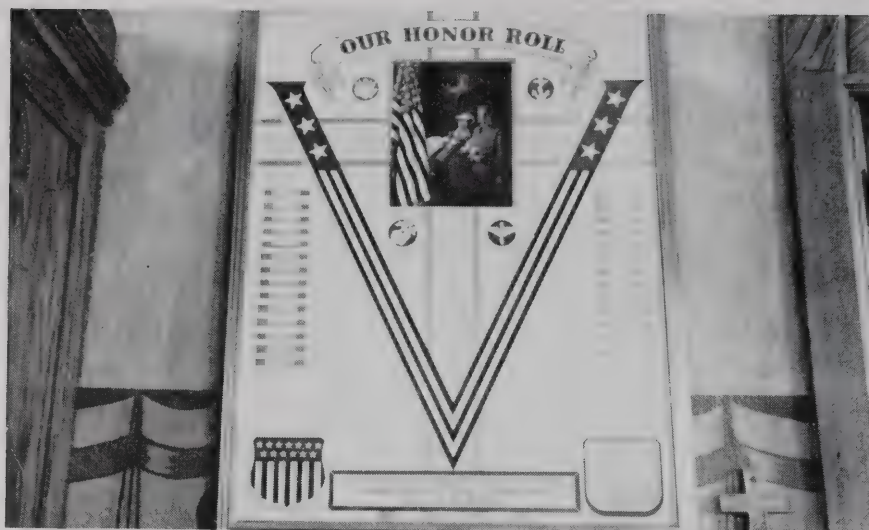


FATHER JOSEPH TILL

It is indeed a happy coincidence that the Centenary Year of the parish should see one of its sons elevated to the exalted dignity of the Holy Priesthood. Father Till is the first Priest ever to be ordained from the parish, and it was therefore with a sense of profound gratitude that the congregation prepared for and participated in the celebration of his first Holy Mass on June 16, 1946. Father Till is the son of Joseph Till, Sr. He received his early education at Precious Blood and Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne. His preparatory course was pursued at the Salvatorian Seminary, St. Naziana, Wis., and his theological studies at St. Meinrad, Ind. He was ordained by Bishop Noll, Saturday, June 15th, 1946.



FATHER TILL'S FIRST HOLY MASS
JUNE 16, 1946



IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY WORLD WAR II

John Pequignot

Justin Smith

Merlin Fough

Gerry Pequignot

Vincent Hartnett

Joseph Thompson

James Pulver

Robert Remke

Eugene Bohlke

Wyonald Hoot

James Poinssatte

*Joseph Ryan

Robert Bobay

Earl Smith

Frank Till

James Till

James Oddou

Paul Partee

*Stephen O'Rourke

Paul Maloney

Robert Gillieron

Robert Burns

Robert Darling

Henry Siefer

John Ryan

Ralph Maloney

Harold Oddou

Richard Pratt

Leland Richardson

Frank Fisher

*William Ryan

Harry Pulver

Vincent Peck

Richard Roy

Herman Till

John Groselle

Tom Partee

OUR BOYS WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY



JOSEPH J. RYAN



STEPHEN O'ROURKE



WILLIAM F. RYAN

PVT. JOSEPH RYAN: age 30, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan, and husband of Mrs. Doris Ryan of Huntertown, Indiana, was killed in action in France on July 21, 1944. He served in the Army for nine months as a member of an Infantry Unit. He was sent overseas on May, 1944.

PVT. STEPHEN O'ROURKE: the son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. O'Rourke of Riverwood, St. Joe Rd., was killed in action in Luxembourg on January 8, 1945. During his two years in the Army, he first served as a Chaplain's Assistant and was then transferred to an Infantry Unit. He participated in active combat for eight days before he met his death.

PVT. WILLIAM RYAN: another son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan of Huntertown, Indiana, was a member of the United States Marine Corps. He entered the service on January 28, 1944 and was killed in action on Iwo Jima, March 8, 1945.



ETERNAL REST, GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

THE CENTENARY MISSION

SEPT. 1-8, 1946



PREACHER

FATHER SERAPHIM OBERHAUSER

C. P. P. S.

Record of Missions held at St. Vincent's Church, Fort Wayne.

1. Sept. 22 - 29, 1912: Fr. Harold, Passionist.
2. June 1 - 8, 1919: Fr. John A. Costello.
3. Oct. 16 - 23, 1923: Fr. Jos. McKay, Vincentian.
4. Sept. 21 - 28, 1941: Fr. A. Heckler, Capuchin.

OUR PARISH PATRONS



Archer, Mrs. Ralph	R. 1, Wallen Rd.
Badiac, Mr. and Mrs. Isidore	R. 1, Dupont Rd.
Becker, Mrs. Lavina	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Becker, Mr. Fred	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Becker, Miss Madeline	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Becker, Miss Margaret	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Bercot, Mr. and Mrs. E. L.	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Bercot, Mr. Henry	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Blair, Mr. and Mrs. L. J.	R. 2, Leo Rd.
Bobay, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Bobay, Mr. Edward	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Bobay, Mr. and Mrs. George	R. 9, Eby Rd.
Bobay, Mr. and Mrs. Henry	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Bobay, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Braun, Mrs. Katherine	R. 2, St. Joe Rd.
Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. John	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Bruck, Mr. and Mrs. Harold	R. 2, St. Joe Rd.
Bruns, Mr. and Mrs. Henry	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Bruns, Mr. and Mrs. Richard	R. 1, Wallen Rd.
Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Darling, Mr. and Mrs. Walter	R. 2, Leo Rd.
DeVido, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo	R. 1, Lima Rd.
DeVido, Mrs. Pierin	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Didion, Mr. and Mrs. August	R. 2, Dupont Rd.
Didion, Mr. Aloysious	R. 2, Dupont Rd.
Didion, Miss Olivia	R. 2, Dupont Rd.
Dodane, Mr. and Mrs. William	Spencerville, Ind.
Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Walter	R. 1, Wash. Center Rd.
Faulkner, Mr. and Mrs. Chester	R. 1, Ashley Ave.
Felger, Mr. and Mrs. Albert	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Fisher, Mrs. Frank	R. 1, Woodbine Ave.
Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Walter	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Gatton, Mr. and Mrs. William	Huntertown, Ind.
Gillieron, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Gillieron, Mr. Robert	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Girard, Miss Geraldine	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Robert	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Hoot, Mr. and Mrs. Wyonal	Huntertown, Ind.
Hoot, Billy Joe	Huntertown, Ind.
Hoot, Rita Mae	Huntertown, Ind.
Hosler, Mr. Michael	Churubusco, Ind.
Huguenard, Miss Adele	R. 3, Huguenard Rd.
Huguenard, Mr. Jule	R. 3, Huguenard Rd.
Huguenard, Mr. and Mrs. C. A.	R. 1, California Rd.
Huguenard, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert	R. 1, Till Rd.

OUR PARISH PATRONS (Continued)

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Kell, Miss Joan	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Kilfoy, Mrs. Frank	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Krauter, Mr. and Mrs. Emil	R. 2, Dupont Rd.
Lenz, Mr. and Mrs. Paul	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph	Huntertown, Ind.
Maloney, Mr. Jack	R. 2, Evard Rd.
Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Delphis	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Martin, James and Larry	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry	Huntertown, Ind.
Martin, Mr. and Mrs. William, Jr.	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Martin, Mr. and Mrs. William, Sr.	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph	R. 2, Wallen Rd.
May, Mr. and Mrs. Crates	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
May, LaVern	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
May, Eileen	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
May, Charles	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
May, Georgia	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
May, Ramona	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Morsches, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald	R. 2, Wallen Rd.
Mungovan, Mrs. Anita	R. 1, California Rd.
O'Rourke, Mr. and Mrs. William, Jr.	R. 9, St. Joe Rd.
O'Rourke, Miss Deane	R. 9, St. Joe Rd.
Partee, Mr. and Mrs. Paul B.	Spencerville, Ind.
Partee, Mr. and Mrs. Paul F.	Spencerville, Ind.
Pepe, Mr. and Mrs. Isidore	R. 1, Wallen Rd.
Pequignot, Mr. and Mrs. Jule	R. 2, Dupont Rd.
Poinsatte, Mr. and Mrs. Al	R. 2, St. Joe Rd.
Pranger, Mr. and Mrs. Harold	Huntertown
Pulver, Mr. and Mrs. Harry	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Redding, Mr. and Mrs. Perlie	R. 2, St. Joe Rd.
Reinin, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard	Huntertown, Ind.
Rothmann, Mr. Fred	R. 2, Rothmann Rd.
Rowley, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel	R. 2, Dupont Rd.
Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest	R. 2, Leo Rd.
Roy, Mrs. Olive	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. John E.	Huntertown
Ryan, Edward	Huntertown
Ryan, Theresa	Huntertown
Ryan, Mrs. Joseph	Huntertown
Shannon, Mr. George	Cedarville, Ind.
Shannon, Carolyn	Cedarville, Ind.
Smith, Mr. Peter	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Smith, Miss Agnes	R. 1, Lima Rd.

OUR PARISH PATRONS (Continued)

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Smith, Miss Louise	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Sordelet, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred	R. 1, Union Chapel Rd.
Sordelet, Mr. and Mrs. Edward	R. 3, Wallen Rd.
Sordelet, Mr. and Mrs. Frank	R. 2, Dupont Rd.
Sordelet, Mr. and Mrs. Victor	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Spindler, Mrs. Sophie	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Swihart, Mr. and Mrs. J. R.	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin	R. 1, Till Rd.
Till, Mr. and Mrs. Albert	R. 1, Till Rd.
Till, Mr. and Mrs. Charles	R. 2, Leo Rd.
Till, Mr. and Mrs. Frank X.	R. 1, Wallen Rd.
Till, Mr. Frank, Jr.	R. 1, Wallen Rd.
Till, Mr. John	R. 1, Till Rd.
Till, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Till, Mr. Herman	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Till, Miss Teresa	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Till, Miss Mary Ann	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Till, Paul	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Till, Jane and Dorothy	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Till, Mr. and Mrs. Leo	R. 1, Till Rd.
Till, Mr. Thomas	R. 1, Till Rd.
Till, Mr. and Mrs. Robert	R. 1, Wallen Rd.
Voors, Mr. and Mrs. Clement	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Walker, Mr. Richard	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Walker, Mrs. Richard	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Walker, Miss Dorothy	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond	R. 9, St. Joe Rd.
Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest	Huntertown, Ind.
Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Weaver, Miss Olive	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Weaver, Miss Dolores	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Weaver, Mary Helen	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.
Wheelock, Mrs. Gerry	R. 9, Eby Rd.
Yeiser, Mr. and Mrs. Morris	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Zirkel, Mr. Paul	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Zirkel, Mrs. Paul	R. 1, Lima Rd.



OUR FRIENDS-PATRONS

Adela, Sister Mary	St. Mary's College, Holy Cross, Ind.
Alt, Mrs. John	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Baade, Mr. Earnest	544 Clayton Ave., Fort Wayne
Baltes, Miss Angela	920 Madison, Fort Wayne
Berghoff, Miss Leona	1419 E. Washington, Fort Wayne
Bobay, Mr. and Mrs. Alex	925 Forest Ave., Fort Wayne
Bobay, Clara M.	3736 Barr St., Fort Wayne
Bobay, Mr. and Mrs. Harley	3128 Bowser Ave., Fort Wayne
Bobay, Joseph L.	1211 Lillie St., Fort Wayne
Bobay, Paul	309 Dalman St., Fort Wayne
Bobay, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond	2001 St. Mary's Ave., Fort Wayne
Bobay, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen	4435 Warsaw Ave., Fort Wayne
Bobay, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil	2106 Hoagland Ave., Fort Wayne
Browning, Mr. and Mrs. E. J.	2212 Bowser Ave., Fort Wayne
Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley	Big Long Lake, Hudson, Ind.
Campbell, Mrs. Louise	R. 2, Leo Rd., Fort Wayne
Carl, Mrs. A. P.	2123 Pleasant Ave., Fort Wayne
Centlivre, Miss Alma	2417 Spy Run, Fort Wayne
Cox, Mr. Lawrence	7118 Topango Canyon Blvd., Los Angeles
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Deininger, Mrs. George	508 E. Washington, Fort Wayne
Delagrang, Mr. and Mrs. Dale	1633 Schilling, Fort Wayne
Delagrang, Eugene	1218 Spring St., Fort Wayne
Delagrang, Mr. and Mrs. Joe	714 N. VanBuren St., Auburn, Ind.
Emanuel, Mary and Theresa	617 E. Wayne, Fort Wayne
Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. S. B.	1031 W. Berry, Fort Wayne
Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker	R. 2, Avilla, Ind.
Friend	
Guillaume, Alma Martin	706 Lawton Place, Fort Wayne
Hardisty, Mrs. George	37 Elmwood St., Crafton, Pa.
Herber, Mr. and Mrs. Knute	1415 Market St., Logansport, Ind.
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Hueber, Miss Marie	417 Huffman St., Fort Wayne
Jetmore, Mr. and Mrs. Harry	2123 Oliver St., Fort Wayne
Kindley, Miss Margaret	1143 Hugh St., Fort Wayne
Kocks, Miss Gertrude	516 E. Lewis, Fort Wayne

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Laura, Sister Mary	Holy Cross, Ind.
Lorenz, Mrs. H.	648 Archer, Fort Wayne
Martin, Miss Alice	612½ Lafayette St., Fort Wayne
Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John B.	R. 1, Waterloo, Ind.
Nomina, Mrs. A. J.	626 Lawton Place, Fort Wayne
Orth, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph	2418 John St., Fort Wayne
Pape Brothers	227 E. Wayne St., Fort Wayne
Peden, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce	R. 9, Fort Wayne
Pepe, Mr. Charles G.	R. 2, Fort Wayne
Pepe, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph	315 W. Williams St., Fort Wayne
Pepe, Mr. William J.	117 E. Woodland Ave., Fort Wayne
Pequignot, Mrs. A. P.	2501 Lynn Ave., Fort Wayne
Pichon, Mr. and Mrs. Edward	R. 6, Fort Wayne
Pichon, Mrs. Louise	660 Florence Ave., Fort Wayne
Rissing, Miss Florence	1732 St. Joe Blvd., Fort Wayne
Rodrigues, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth	New York
Rosswurm, Mr. and Mrs. Harold	R. F. D., Fort Wayne
St. Charles Mission Circle	St. Peter's, Fort Wayne
Schaefer, Mr. and Mrs. Fred	1318 Stophlet St., Fort Wayne
Scherschel, Mr. and Mrs. Ed.	416 Henry, New Haven, Ind.
Schrader, Mrs. Estella	R. 1, New Haven, Ind.
Sordelet, Mrs. Leona	2734 Abbott St., Fort Wayne
Sorg, Virginia and Dolores	3515 Westbrook, Fort Wayne
Tieman, Mrs. Mildred	R. 2, Churubusco, Ind.
Till, Miss Cecelia	Michigan City
Till, Mr. and Mrs. James	164-14 Howard Beach, New York
Till, Mr. Joseph E.	220 Wells St., Fort Wayne
Till, Mr. Michael	2111 Cortland, Fort Wayne
Urbine, Mr. and Mrs. Clem	141 E. State St., Fort Wayne
Urbine, Mr. and Mrs. Edward	624 W. State, Fort Wayne
Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. M. A.	4429 S. Wayne, Fort Wayne
Weaver, Mrs. J. L.	Monroeville, Ind.
Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Otto	214½ E. Butler St., Fort Wayne
Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Theo.	2632 Chestnut St., Fort Wayne
White, Mrs. Anna	1707 Oakland, Fort Wayne
Williams, Mary Gertrude	555 E. Rudisill, Fort Wayne

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Mrs. James Arnold.....	R. 3, Carol Rd.	Mr. John Fletter, Sr.....	R. 2, Leo Rd.
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Mrs. Lavina Becker.....	P. O. Box 613	Mr. John Fletter, Jr.....	R. 2, Leo Rd.
Mr. Fred Becker.....	P. O. Box 613	Mrs. Katherine Foote.....	Huntertown, Ind.
Miss Madeline Becker.....	P. O. Box 613	Mr. Walter Fox.....	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Miss Marge Becker.....	P. O. Box 613	Miss Norma Fox.....	R. 2, Auburn Rd.
Mr. Henry Bercot.....	R. 2, Auburn Rd.	Mr. William Gatton.....	Huntertown, Ind.
Mr. George Bickel.....	R. 2, Leo Rd.	Mrs. Joseph Gillieron.....	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Mr. LaVon Blair.....	R. 2, Leo Rd.	Mr. Robert Gillieron.....	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Mrs. Phyllis Bleke.....	R. 1, Coldwater Rd.	Mr. Jerome Girard.....	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Mr. Andrew Bobay.....	R. 2, Auburn Rd.	Miss Geraldine Girard.....	R. 1, Lima Rd.
Mr. Richard Bobay.....	R. 2, Auburn Rd.	Mr. John Groselle.....	R. 1, Spencerville, Ind.
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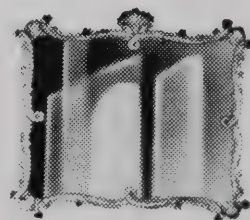
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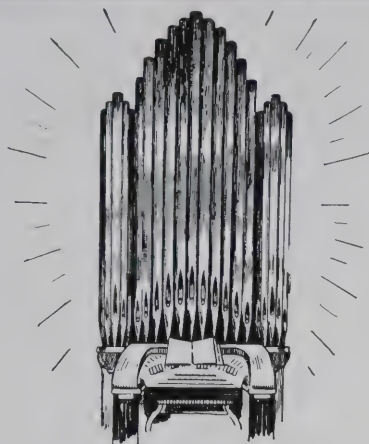
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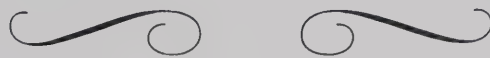
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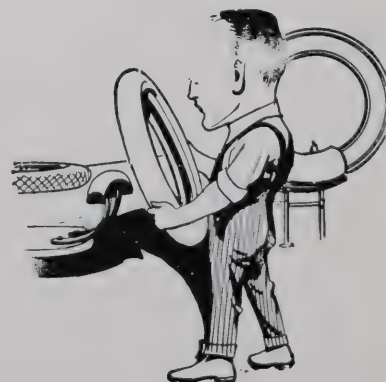
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